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25X1 governing automobile traffic in the Soviet Sector of Berlin during the period 1 - 21 August 1951.

PREAMBLE: From 5 through 19 August 1951, the World Youth Festival will take place in the democratic sector of Berlin. Two million young peace fighters from all parts of Germany and the world will demonstrate for the maintenance of world peace. In order to ensure the success of this great demonstration for peace, special measures governing public traffic are necessary. The entire population of Berlin is requested, in the interest of friendship for our guests, to observe the necessary police traffic regulations.

I. Use of Vehicles in the Public Streets of the Democratic Sector of Berlin:

1. During the period from 1 - 21 August 1951 vehicles will only be driven on the public thoroughfares by special permission of the Berlin Volkspolizei. For this purpose Special Permits (Sondererlaubnischeine) "A" and "B" will be issued. Permit "A" authorizes the holder to drive through the entire democratic sector of Berlin. Permit "B" is not valid in that section of the democratic sector which lies within the S-Bahnring.
2. Permit "A" will be issued free of charge upon application to the Volkspolizei Präsidium, Abteilung Verkehrspolizei, Berlin C 2, Kathelstr. 36/37. Special Permit "B" will be issued by the Volkspolizei-Inspektion responsible for the residential district of the auto owner. Permit "A" will be issued only in cases of proven urgency; to obtain Permit "B", necessity must be shown. Permit "A" may be issued as a permanent license, for single trips, or for one day, while Permit "B" will be granted as a permanent license. Applications are to be submitted singly or in groups, with stated reasons, on and after 20 July 1951.
3. No Special Permit will be issued for 12 and 19 August 1951, nor are the permanent licenses valid on these days.
4. Excepted from the restrictions outlined in sub-paragraphs 1 and 2 are the following:
 - a. Vehicles of the Allied Occupation Powers, the Soviet Control Commission, and diplomatic missions.

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- b. Vehicles from the Länder of the DDR which display the Special Authorization "A" permitting trips from the DDR to Berlin and return.
 - c. Volkspolizei squad cars.
 - d. Ambulances of the Rettungsdienst.
5. The following vehicles are allowed to proceed through that part of the democratic sector of Berlin which lies outside the S-Bahnring during the entire period, including 12 and 19 August, without Special Permits:
- a. Vehicles from the Länder of the DDR which display Special Authorization "B" permitting trips from the DDR to Berlin and return.
 - b. Buses and repair vehicles owned by the Berlin Transportation Company (BVG).
 - c. Emergency vehicles of the East Berlin Magistrat.

II. Issue and Use of Special Authorizations (Sonderberechtigungsscheine) for Automobile Trips in the DDR:

1. Authorizations which have been previously issued for trips from Berlin to the DDR will not be valid during the period from 1 - 21 August 1951.
2. Application may be made at the Volkspolizei Präsidium, Abteilung Verkehrspolizei, Berlin C 2, Keibelstr. 36/37 for Special Authorization in instances involving emergency trips to the DDR.
3. Holders of Special Authorizations "A" and "B" may use only the following streets for entering and leaving Berlin:
 - a. Stalinallee - Alt Friedrichsfelde - Alt Biesdorf - Chemnitzer Str. - Kaulsdorfer Str. - Bahnhof Köpenick - Friedrichshagener Str. - Fürstenwalder Damm - Fürstenwalder Allee - Erkner.
 - b. Greifswalder Str. - Berliner Allee - Dorfstr. - Lindenberg.

Holders of Special Authorization "B" may not proceed through that part of the democratic sector which lies within the S-Bahnring.

III. Blocking of Streets and Hours of Restriction:

1. During the period from 1 - 21 August 1951 the following streets will be blocked to through traffic from 0600 - 2400 hours:
 - a. The thoroughfare in Berlin-Niederschöneweide from Karlshorster Str. - Grünauer Str. - Adlergestell to Bahnhof Grünau.
 - b. Detour to Bohnsdorf, Grünau and Schmöckwitz via:
Strasse An der Wuhlheide - Dammbrücke Köpenick - Lange Brücke - Grünauer Str. - Regattastr. - Wassersportallee.
 - c. Detour to Adlershof from Lange Brücke Köpenick through Grünauer Str. - Glienicker Str. - Köpenicker Str.
2. The driving of automobiles through the streets of the democratic sector of Berlin on 12 and 19 August 1951 is forbidden, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Those vehicles designated in para. I, sub-para. 4 and 5.
 - b. Vehicles especially authorized for driving on 12 and 19 August 1951.
3. The Volkspolizei is authorized to block off additional streets and designate detours, if, in their judgment, the traffic situation requires such action at any given time.

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IV. General Traffic Restrictions:

1. In addition to the strict observation of existing traffic regulations, all drivers must take special care to avoid accidents during the Festival. Particular consideration must be given to the increased pedestrian traffic.
2. Official vehicle columns will have the right of way in every instance. Crossing, breaking through or passing vehicle columns is forbidden.
3. Crossing or passing marching columns is to be done only with the greatest caution.

V. Conclusion:

1. In the interest of traffic control, Special Permits and Special Authorizations are to be placed on the windshield where they are clearly visible.
2. Failure to comply with these regulations is punishable according to law. In addition to existing fines, violators may be punished by having their vehicles impounded and losing their driving licenses.
3. These regulations become effective on 1 August 1951 at 0000 hours and remain valid until 21 August 1951 at 2400 hours.

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Comment: It is not known whether vehicles of the Allied Occupation Powers include private vehicles owned by nationals of the Occupation Powers.

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